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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 18-20, 28 and 29 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 12-14, 16, 17, 21, 25 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2, 4-11, 15, 22-24 and 26 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 13 and 14 are objected to because of the following informalities: the limitations recited in the claim 13 are exactly same as the limitations recited in the claim 14. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3, 12-14, 16, 17, 21, 25 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kiko (Fig. 2).

Regarding claims 1 and 21, Kiko (Fig. 2) discloses an amplifier circuit comprising a power amplifier [(46) It should be noted that the element 46 includes a feedforward amplifier. See column 15, lines 14-17) which provides an amplified output signal associated with an input signal (80 or 84), and a cross cancellation component [(36) According to lines 4-7 of page 10 of specification, the digital cross cancellation component 11 can be a digital component, such as a field programmable gate array] which generates a digital reference signal (88) that is converted (38) to an analog signal and amplified (108 in Fig. 4F) and added (108 in Fig. 4F) to the amplifier output signal to

substantially reduced unwanted signals (the feedforward amplifier 108 of Fig. 4F in switch driver 46 amplifies and adds to the amplifier output signal to substantially reduced distortion signals).

Regarding claims 3 and 27, the cross cancellation component (36) which generates a precomputed digital signal (88) which is converted (38) to an analog signal.

Regarding claim 12, the amplification system (108 in Fig. 4F) being a linear amplification with nonlinear components amplifier.

Regarding claims 13 and 14, Kiko (Fig. 2) further including a feedback path (52, 56, 40) having an analog to digital converter (40) which converts the final output signal from the analog domain to the digital domain to provide a final digital output signal to the cross cancellation component (36).

Regarding claims 16 and 17, the limitations recited in the claims are intended use of the invention.

Regarding claim 25, the feedforward amplifier 108 in Fig. 4F has a capability to perform the claim 25 limitations since the claim 25 describes the conventional feedforward amplifier.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 4-11, 15, 22-24 and 26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Reasons for Allowance

Claims 18-20, 28 and 29 are allowed.

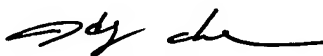
The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Regarding claim 18, the closest prior art of record, Kiko (Fig. 2) does not disclose the following limitations: the functional limitations of the reference path. Regarding claim 28, the closest prior art of record, Kiko (Fig. 2) does not disclose the following limitations: separating a sample of the output signal into a plurality of subband output signal and generating a plurality of subband reference signals.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Patent numbers (6,188,732; 6,774,834) are the feedforward amplifiers.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Henry Choe whose telephone number is (571) 272-1760.


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